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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Gurney et al.

Application No.: 10/652,927

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Art Unit: To be determined

For: Alzheimer's Disease Secretase, APP Substrates
Therefor, And Uses Therefor

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. The application is entitled to special status and advancement out of turn by virtue of its being pending for more than five years based on its relation to a 1998 priority application. (See MPEP 707.02 and 708.01 (I).) Please advise us of when we might expect to receive an Office Action from the Patent and Trademark Office.

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